

1 [Commemorating National Prematurity Awareness Month]

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3 **Resolution commemorating National Prematurity Awareness Month, acknowledging**  
4 **that premature birth is a serious, common and costly problem. The etiology of**  
5 **premature birth is unknown and can happen to any pregnant woman. We hope all of**  
6 **you will join us in the campaign to reduce premature birth by supporting research,**  
7 **educating the public and health care providers about this critical issue.**

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9 WHEREAS, The concern for the African American community in San Francisco as they  
10 have the highest percentage of preterm births, 15.2%; and

11 WHEREAS, premature birth threatens the lives and health of more than half a million  
12 infants every year, including over 54,000 in California and the number is rising; and

13 WHEREAS, between 1994 and 2004, the rate of infants born premature in California  
14 increased by 7%, and that premature birth is the number one killer of newborns in America;  
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16 WHEREAS, infants who survive may be disabled for life which includes blindness and  
17 cerebral palsy and premature birth is a national health crisis that must be stopped; and

18 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save infants from  
19 premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs that  
20 offer hope and help to families with an infant in intensive care; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco recognize November 2006 as  
22 Prematurity Awareness Month and commend the March of Dimes their efforts to promote and  
23 provide support for all infants and mothers facing prematurity.

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## Resolution

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November 21, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

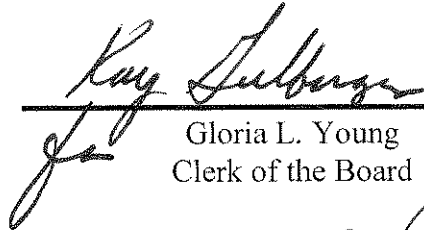
Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, Mirkarimi,  
Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

Excused: 1 - Daly

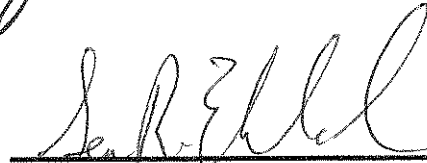
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED** on November 21, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
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Mayor Gavin Newsom